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In re Application of
Hegli, et al. :
Application No. 10/010,282 : ON PETITION
Filed: December 5, 2001 :
Attorney Docket No.: WEBSSEN.030A :
For: FILTERING TECHNIQUES FOR :
MANAGING ACCESS TO INTERNET SITES :
OR OTHER SOFTWARE APPLICATIONS :

OFFICE OF PETITIONS

This is a decision on the petition filed February 15, 2002 requesting that Figure 6 be included in the above-identified application as having been present upon filing on December 5, 2001.

The application was deposited December 5, 2001. A Notice of Omitted Items(s) in a Nonprovisional Application ("Notice") was mailed on January 3, 2002. The Notice indicated that a filing date had been granted but that figure 6 as described in the specification appeared to have been omitted from the application.

The Notice permits applicant to either: (1) promptly establish prior receipt in the PTO of the drawing(s) at issue (generally by way of a date-stamped postcard receipt (MPEP 503)), or (2) promptly submit the omitted drawing(s) in a nonprovisional application and accept the date of such submission as the application filing date. An applicant asserting that the missing drawings were in fact deposited in the PTO with the application papers must file a petition (and the appropriate petition fee) with evidence of such deposit. An applicant desiring to submit the omitted drawings in a nonprovisional application and accept the date of such submission as the application filing date must file any omitted drawing(s) with an oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63 and 1.64 referring to such drawing(s) and a petition under 37 CFR 1.182 (with the petition fee under 37 CFR 1.17(h)) requesting the later filing date within two months of the date of the Notice (37 CFR 1.181(f)).

Petitioner argues that the application deposited December 5, 2001 included six (6) pages of formal drawings, including Figure 6, as indicated on the Office date-stamped return postcard, a copy of which petitioner has provided.

The original Figure 6 submitted with the application papers has not been located. However, in view of the evidence presented, the petition to include Figure 6 in the application is **GRANTED**.

The petition fee of \$130.00 submitted with the instant petition is unnecessary. As per the authorization contained therein, a refund to deposit account No. 11-1410 has been requested from the Office of Finance, Refund Section.

Since the original Figure 6 cannot be located in the Office, the

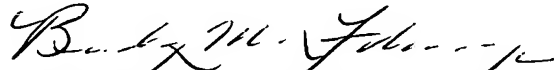
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copy supplied with the instant petition will be used for examination purposes.

This application will be forwarded to Office of Initial Patent Examination for further processing with a filing date of December 5, 2001.

Telephone inquiries related to this decision may be directed to Petitions Attorney Alesia M. Brown at (703) 305-0310.



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